

Toys 4 Tots Softball Tournament Social Distancing Guidelines

Staff Responsibilities:

- Tournament staff are required to wear a mask provided by the Town of Gilbert at all times.
- Signage that includes education material related to COVID-19 and the Tournament's COVID-19 policies will be displayed through the duration of the event.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided for attendees.
- Restrooms will be stocked and sanitized hourly.

Social Contact before, during and after games:

- There will be a "no-contact, no-handshake policy" to be observed at every level of the tournament. This includes all physical contact and extends to customary game-related activities, such as umpire-coach introductions, and post-game handshakes between members of opposing teams. Instead, staff, players and coaches should verbally "good game," without shaking hands, high-fiving or fist-bumping.
- Players will be expected to maintain social distancing before and after the game – and during the game when possible.
- Managers will be responsible for assuring any players exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms do not attend.
- Spectators will be encouraged not to attend. Spectators in attendance are required wear a mask at all times.
- Players will be encouraged to leave the park when their team does not have a game scheduled.
- All players in attendance must wear a mask and social distance at least 6 feet apart from each other at times unless they are on the playing field. Masks are still encouraged on the playing field.

Dugout:

- Keep 6 feet of distance in and out of dugout. Players will be required to separate and in most cases be in and out of the dugout on the outside of the field fences to maintain space.
- Players will not be allowed to spread out on the field of play because of the inherent danger of being hit by a foul ball.
- When one team leaves the dugout, next team will need to wait until all players have exited, then enter.
- The team leaving the dugout will need to police the dugout and get rid of trash, especially empty drinking containers.

Check in:

- Staff will give managers roster before the start of games. Team manager will be responsible for getting all team members info and signatures on roster and they will be required to submit before the start of their first game.

Staff will provide Covid-19 waivers for their team members prior to the start of game. Team manager is required to submit a signed waiver from every team member before the start of their first game.

The Game:

- We encourage players and umpires to wear masks.
- Umpires to maintain a distance of six feet from the batter and catcher at all times.
- Rules of the game to potentially be modified as necessary to ensure social distancing.
- We will **NOT** be supplying community water jugs for obvious reasons until the pandemic is over. Players will need to supply their own individual water.
- Any gatherings of teams or players before or after games will need to follow personal distancing recommendations of being 6 feet apart.

Personal hygiene:

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your mouth and nose – with a tissue, if possible – when coughing or sneezing, then properly discard the tissue in the trash.
- Avoid close contact with anyone else who is coughing or sneezing or who is otherwise sick. People who exhibit COVID-19 symptoms will be asked to leave the park.
- Wash your hands often, using soap and water for at least 20 seconds each time.